

**Declaration and Power of Attorney
Under Patent Cooperation Treaty
35 USC '371(c)(4)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural names are named below) of the invention entitled: SWITCHING DEVICE

described and claimed in the international application number PCT/JP2004/003470 filed 16 March 2004 and as amended on _____ (if any), the specification and claims of which I have reviewed and understand and for which I solicit a patent.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a), and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to my international application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-080276 filed 24 March 2003

The priority of the above applications (if any), filed within a year prior to my international application is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119. I hereby appoint the following as my attorneys of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the patent office:

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